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Mr. Bob Wyatt  
Chairman, Lower Willamette Group  
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Re: Portland Harbor Superfund Site, Administrative Order on Consent for Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study; Docket No. CERCLA-10-2001-0240  
Conditional Approval of the Final Baseline Human Health Risk Assessment dated February 11, 2013

Dear Mr. Wyatt;

EPA has completed its review of the Final Baseline Human Health Risk Assessment (BHHRA) submitted to EPA on February 11, 2013. The revised BHHRA incorporates EPA's directed revisions provided to the Lower Willamette Group (LWG) on June 22, 2012, as modified by subsequent agreements between the LWG and EPA and the December 6, 2012 dispute resolution decision.

By email from Kristine Koch on February 6, 2012, EPA provided the LWG revised executive summary language regarding the results of fish consumption risks to tribal members. Additional comments regarding minor typographical errors in the text and associated tables and figures were provided to the LWG in an email from Kristine Koch on February 15, 2012. EPA and the LWG have discussed these revisions and comments and the LWG has agreed to incorporate them.

EPA approves the BHHRA as final on condition that the February 6 revised executive summary language and February 15 comments are incorporated. As outlined in Section VII, paragraph 4.E of the Administrative Order on Consent, a final hard-copy version of the BHHRA is due to EPA 30 days from the date of this letter.

Finalizing the BHHRA is a significant milestone for the Portland Harbor RI/FS. EPA appreciates the LWG's significant efforts and collaboration in developing this final report.

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